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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Larry Beverly Garland, age 49, of Goochland, Virginia, was sentenced today after pleading guilty to possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine and also possession with the intent to distribute powder cocaine. The Honorable Henry E. Hudson sentenced Garland to 262 months' imprisonment and fined him \$17,500. The Court also ordered Garland to forfeit approximately \$364,000, consisting of various real property and other assets that were proceeds of drug trafficking.

On April 3, 2005, in connection with the report of a shooting into an occupied dwelling, Goochland County Sheriff's investigators executed a search warrant at Garland's residence. During the search, they recovered over 500 grams of powder cocaine, over 5 grams of crack cocaine, a quantity of marijuana, digital scales, loaded firearms, and over \$4,000.00 in United States currency.

Garland admitted that he had distributed crack and powder cocaine, and further that he had possessed 5 firearms. Garland qualified as a career offender under the United States Sentencing Guidelines, due to his prior federal convictions for money laundering and cocaine distribution, as well as state convictions for multiple drug related charges during the course of the last twenty years.

Also announcing the sentencing are James R. Gregorius, Assistant Special Agent-In-Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Richmond Division and Goochland County Sheriff James L. Agnew.

Assistant United States Attorney Angela Mastandrea-Miller prosecuted the case.

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